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Our London Letter.

THE BETTING TAX.

PUBLIC OPINION IN ENGLAND.

WHITE STAR LINE PURCHASE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, May 1st.

Mr. Churchill's bold proposal to put
a tax on betting is likely to prove the
most controversial part of the Budget.
It is also probable that we shall have an
illustration of how extremes meet, for
the bookmakers and the moralists will
make common cause against it, the
former for business reasons, and the
latter because they think it means an
official acknowledgement of sin. Some-
thing of the kind has happened in the
United States where the Bootleggers and
the Prohibitionists make common cause
against the repeal of Prohibition. All
the same, I believe the betting tax will
go through Parliament and become an
established fact. The answer of the
average man to the outcry of the book-
makers is that betting is a luxury, and
those who object to the tax need not
bet; while as regards the moralists the
answer is that there always has been
betting, and there always will be bet-
ting, tax or no tax, and the Chancellor
would be foolish to forego revenue from
that source.

It appears that bookmakers are to be
both certified and registered. A book-
making firm must pay £10 a year for
its certificate and a duty of £10 for the
registration of each set of premises it
uses for receiving bets on credit. This
seems to add at least a formality to the
legal recognition of betting. But the
street bookmaker, as things are, is not
touched; and this may tempt many
credit "bookies" to go on the streets
to escape the tax.

The credit bookmaker must make a
statement of the amount of all the bets
that he accepts, and his books are to be
open to inspection by the Inland Revenue
authorities very much as the excess pro-
fits duty is collected. As to race-course
betting, it is understood that books of
tickets are to be sold of various de-
nominations and of different colours.

SWEEPSTAKES.

I have heard the question asked whe-
ther sweepstakes will be affected by the
betting tax. The answer is in the
negative, because participation in a
sweepstake is not betting. A sweepstake
technically is a lottery within the mean-
ing of the Lotteries Act, and as such
is illegal, although as everyone knows
there are sweepstakes before the big
races in nearly every club, in factories,
and a host of other places.

Whether the law could interfere with
sweepstakes in clubs seems to be doubt-
ful. It is commonly said that a club
is in the legal sense a family. A man
in his club is for all intents and purposes
in his own home. Sweepstakes in the
ordinary way seem to be one of the things
which, though clearly illegal, it is not
considered expedient to attempt to sup-
press, and Mr. Churchill is not looking
for trouble in that direction.

THE WHITE STAR LINE.

The newspapers make a great deal of
the so-called deal regarding the future
control of the White Star Line. It was
widely published in some quarters that
the White Star ships had been bought
back from America on behalf of British
interests. What actually happened is
that a British group, which is represent-
ed by Messrs. Morgan, Grenfell & Co.,
has reached provisional agreement for
the purchase of the shares of the Oceanic
Steam Navigation Co. (whose vessels are
known as the White Star Line) but
details remain to be settled. It is
intimated that the principal shipping
interest in the purchasing syndicate is
Messrs. Furness, Withy & Co.

(Continued on next Column).

OVER NIAGARA IN A BARREL. ORANGE-PEEL DEATH OF MAN WHO DID IT.

ATCKLAND, N.Z., April 29th.

Mr. "Bobby" Leach, the Manchester
man who defied death, but narrowly
escaped it, by plunging over Niagara
Falls enclosed in a steel barrel in 1911,
has died as the result of slipping on
orange peel.

Two months ago Mr. Leach broke his
leg when he slipped on orange peel in
the street in Auckland. The leg had to
be amputated, and he died some time
after the operation. He was 53 years of
age.

Mr. Leach's daring feat at Niagara,
when he was 43, was performed in the
presence of 300,000 people. The plunge
over the Horseshoe Falls, 168ft., was
made in a cigar-shaped barrel of steel,
padded on the inside. From the time it
went over into the Whirlpool Rapids until
Mr. Leach was hauled out of the water
39 minutes elapsed, while the spectators,
watching the top of the barrel appearing
now and again on the surface, doubted
whether it would ever reach the shore.

Mr. Leach's hair grew white from his
terrible experience.
When the barrel dropped it was im-
mediately caught by a giant wave which
hurled it 20ft. into the air. It was then
held for 15 minutes in the whirlpool
below the Falls, and Mr. Leach's assist-
ants, becoming terrified at the length
of time it was in the water and the
buffeting its occupant was receiving,
made several attempts to reach it, but
in vain.

Eventually the barrel was caught by
a current which brought it towards the
shore, where it was caught. Mr. Leach
was dragged from it unconscious and
with both knee-caps broken. It was at
first believed that he was dead, but when
restorative were given he partly recover-
ed consciousness and was taken to a
neighbouring hotel for treatment.

There is, of course, no question of any
actual transfer of the ships of the
White Star Line from American to
British ownership. The White Star
ships have always flown the British flag,
and in case of war or other national
emergency were at the service of the
British Government, but the ordinary
capital of £5,000,000 in shares of £1,000
each, of the Company is all held at pre-
sent by the International Mercantile
Marine Company—or the "Morgan com-
bine," as it is usually called in reference
to the late Mr. P. J. Morgan, the
American financial magnate.

ORIGIN OF THE FLEET.

In view of what I have written the
national aspects of the transaction are
not so important as might appear at
first sight. The ships, as I have said,
were under the British flag, and in this
respect they were on a level with those
of the Cunard Co. The result was that
when the European war broke out the
Government here were able to take im-
mediate possession of the White Star
boats. Had the vessels been American
in all respects their use in the Allied
cause would necessarily have been delay-
ed until the United States came into
the war. So far as the national effect
of the recent transfer to British hands
is concerned there will, therefore, be no
material change.

In London business circles there is
considerable satisfaction at the transac-
tion which has taken place. The White
Star Line was formed in 1867 by Mr.
Thomas Henry Larny to sail between
Liverpool and New York. The Oceanic,
the pioneer of the Line, opened a new
era in Atlantic travel. She sailed for
New York on March 2nd, 1871, and in-
troduced the midship saloon, extending
the whole width of the ship—an arrange-
ment since almost universally adopted
but then considered revolutionary. In
1877 a mail contract was entered into
with the British Government, the mails
being carried after 1907 to Southampton.
In 1902 the fleet and management were
absorbed in the Morgan shipping com-
bination already referred to under the
designation the International Mercantile
Marine Co. It is evident from what has
taken place that although America is
supposed to have all the cash in these
days British shipping magnates are not
lacking either in money or enterprise.—
E.B.

BRITISH FILM TRADE MUST FIGHT.

NOTHING TO WAIT FOR
FROM U.S.

"A NATIONAL EMERGENCY."

After a year of fruitless meetings,
during which it has obviously been wait-
ing for some more purposeful body to
pull it out of its present slough of des-
pond, the British film industry remains
as much in eclipse as ever, writes the
Film Critic of the Daily Mail.

The agitation for a quota scheme, to
secure a definite place on our screens for
British films, was skillfully manœuvred
to a defeat by the obvious indifference of
the cinema proprietors to anything but
the profits they draw by showing Ameri-
can films to the British public, as well as
by the less obvious but undoubted in-
fluence of American interests here.

As a way out, it has since been sug-
gested that a reciprocal scheme might be
effected with the American film industry,
who might be induced to accept British
films for the United States market and
thereby guarantee production costs in
this country.

NO QUARTER FROM U.S.

It is high time that the members of
the industry in England and the people
of England realised that America, having
succeeded in obtaining a stranglehold
on the cinema of the entire world, will
do nothing to assist England to compete
with her for foreign markets, or to place
English films on English screens let alone
American.

The Americans boast openly in their
Press that, through the power which their
films have, the prestige and prosperity
of America are being increased daily;
and they affirm that any effort to chal-
lenge their supremacy must be fought
tooth and nail. They are giving no
quarter.

That the future prosperity of the
British film industry lies absolutely and
conclusively in the power of British
cinema proprietors is established once
and for all by an admission made by Mr.
Will Hays, the president of the all-
powerful Motion Picture Producers' and
Distributors' Association of America, to
Mr. Charles Lapworth, a director of the
English film company, Gainsborough
Pictures, Ltd.

THEIR BEST MARKET HERE.

In an interview Mr. Lapworth, who
has just returned from New York, stated
that though he travelled to America on
behalf of his firm, which has to its credit
such superior and successful British pic-
tures as "Woman to Woman" and "The
Rat," he also determined to test the feel-
ing of the United States film monopolist
concerns as regards a market in the
States for picked British pictures.

As an unofficial but accredited repre-
sentative of British film interests he was
invited to meet Mr. Hays, whose organi-
sation had absolute power in America,
and a very considerable, though by no
means obvious, influence throughout the
world.

It is extremely significant that Mr.
Hays admitted that the British film
situation is a "major concern of the
United States film industry." Seeing
that British kinemas show an overwhelm-
ing proportion of American films, and
that Great Britain is regarded as the
cream of the American export market,
this is not to be doubted. So pressing a
demand as there is undoubtedly at pre-
sent for more British films on British
screens, which would restrict this market
as far as American films are concerned,
naturally interests them.

Even more essential in its implications
was Mr. Hays's contention that the
future of British films in America lies
in the hands of the British film industry.
In his own words, "it comes down to a
question of trading."

Mr. Lapworth, who studied the subject
intensively, asserts that the American
film magnates have not yet had reason to
believe that the people of this country,
and particularly the film industry here,
are in earnest. The cinema proprietors
of England, who in the way of business
show an overwhelming proportion of
American films to the English public, by
contracting in advance to take the un-
manufactured output of American film
producers actually do finance American
film production to the extent of millions
of pounds a year.

Such important customers are in a
position to bargain with the United
States interests, and so far they have
not gone boldly forward to do so. The
restoration of the British film trade, the
opening of the American market to
British films, and the consequent en-
hancement of our national prestige and
prosperity lie in their hands.

The rehabilitation of British films will
be a battle against desperate odds, the
poor position which British films hold
at home, in the Colonies, and in foreign
countries amounts to nothing short of
a national emergency.

There must be no more waiting for
help, concludes the writer, for the mo-
ment has come boldly to declare battle,
to gather our national resources, and
led by a patriotic gesture on the part
of the British film industry, to force
British films into the position which they,
as the silent ambassadors of our national
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